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To: All Prospective Offerors

SUBJECT: DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. DE-RP07-0314516
IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT (ICP)

The Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office is releasing the subject draft RFP to all interested parties for comment. The DOE is seeking input on how the acquisition can be structured to maximize competition and award a contract that empowers the contractor to complete the environmental management cleanup mission in the most timely, cost-effective manner. Written comments are due by 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time, March 3, 2004. It is not DOE's intent to respond to each comment, but information related to comments received may be published as appropriate on the ICP home page at <http://www.doe.id.gov>. All qualified parties, including the incumbent contractors, are encouraged to consider submitting proposals.

This letter, which provides a brief summary of the salient elements of the RFP, is not an integral part of the RFP. The RFP will prevail should there be any inconsistencies. Offerors are cautioned to carefully examine the entire RFP and the requirements contained therein. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with specific evaluation criteria delineated in Section M of the RFP and all applicable Federal Acquisition Regulations and Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations.

The DOE plans to achieve substantial risk reduction to workers, the public and the environment through accelerated cleanup of the INL. Contract activities include treatment and disposal of various radioactive waste streams, management of spent nuclear fuel, disposition of excess nuclear materials, deactivation and/or demolition of reactor and non-reactor nuclear facilities, and environmental remediation activities currently funded through DOE's Office of Environmental Management (EM).

The successful Offeror will provide the services as set forth in Section C, Statement of Work, of the RFP. Offerors should note that remediation of buried waste in Waste Area Group 7 (WAG 7), Section C.3.3 of the Statement of Work, does not currently provide sufficient detail to allow the Offerors to propose a detailed cost estimate. The final RFP will contain sufficient detail to allow Offerors to propose detailed cost estimates to complete remediation of WAG 7 during the contract term. A cost-plus-incentive fee contract is contemplated to be awarded to the Offeror who represents the best value to the Government. The DOE anticipates award of the contract in mid-November, 2004, with a contract turnover date of January 31, 2005.

An electronic submittal form has been created for submitting questions and comments related to the draft RFP. This process shall be used rather than letters, e-mails, or phone calls. The form is available at the ICP home page cited above.

In order to further the Government policy of maximizing electronic commerce and making the acquisition process optimally cost effective, electronic media will be used exclusively and the solicitation and any amendments will be posted on the ICP home page. Offerors and all other interested parties shall maintain continual surveillance of this website to remain abreast of the latest available information.

A shared drive library that contains a detailed list of various available reference documents can be accessed from links on the ICP home page. A DVD presentation of key EM facilities is available upon request and facility area maps are available to those Offerors who sign a security nondisclosure statement.

In addition to meeting other contractor responsibility requirements, Offerors are cautioned to pay particular attention to the RFP requirements in Section K regarding Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI) and Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI).

Parties interested in competing for the work are invited to attend a One-on-One Meeting with the Idaho Cleanup Project Source Evaluation Board (SEB) the week of February 17, 2004. The DOE is seeking input on how the acquisition can be structured to maximize competition and award a contract that empowers the contractor to complete the environmental management cleanup mission in the most timely, cost-effective manner. Detailed facility tours will also be conducted approximately one week after release of the final RFP. For further information, reference the announcements on the ICP home page.

It is anticipated that the final RFP will be issued in early April 2004 with proposals submitted to DOE sixty (60) days after issuance of the final RFP.